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EDITORIAL

June 6, 1977 will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the sighting that began modern UFO history. On that day, in 1947, Kenneth Arnold, now remembered for first coining the term, "Flying Saucers," saw a UFO over Mt. Rainier in Washington.

Partly because of this fact, 1977 will be an exciting year for ufologists. Two major informational events this year will be an International Ufology Conference in Acapulco in April and the 8th Annual MUFON UFO Symposium in July in Arizona. A more detailed account of each of these events is presented in this News Bulletin.

Don't forget that we want to hear your ideas about any aspect of Ufology and we will try to print them in our August issue. Anyone may send a letter to: GSW News Bulletin, c/o GSW-WD, 13238 N. 7th Dr., Phx, AZ. 85029.

One more thing before you read on. We have done a little bit of rearranging on our own and the Editorial Staff now includes; Roberta Bull, John Schaefer, Lori Field, and Rich Gottlieb. We hope you enjoy this issue of the GSW News Bulletin.

DIRECTLY SPEAKING

By William Spaulding Director, GSW-WD

BREAKTHROUGH OR BREAKDOWN?

After all these years, one can finally say we have reached the crossroads of Ufology. Now, the study, or the attempted study, of this vexing phenomenon can only go in two directions; forward, to a scientific conclusion, or downward to a total, lasting breakdown of all research, thus leaving the entire field to the cultist and the hobbiest. These very same people are standing by the periphery of the research efforts just waiting for the collapse.

The timing is just right for either of these contrasting results to transpire. To gain further knowledge into this complicated problem, a brief history is necessitated, one that capsulates the past six years of research in the field of Ufology.

Since the closure of the Air Force's "investigation" project Blue Book, and the feeble Condon report, no major breakthroughs have occurred. The civilian UFO organization, devoid of large research funds and excessive qualified personnel, and with a generally disinterested body politic, has not contributed to the solution of the main problem, the factual data gathering of UFO cases and dissemination of this data.

One should ask why nothing important ever happens and what are the contributing factors to this lingering situation. The factors are many, however, the fundamental points include; a lack of central leadership, a lack of objectivity, a lack of common goals, a desire to investigate and report the tabloid-inspired sensationalized abduction cases, a continuing void in the communication between organizations and the public, and an introverted set of

research/investigative priorities.

The investigation priorities, in this writer's opinion is probably the number one problem and it should be confronted immediately so that a workable solution can be generated. The petty bickering and lack of communication between organizations, that tend to hinder investigations, can be solved with just a limited amount of joint effort.

If the civilian UFO organizations had developed a true plan of attack on the primary problem, then the rest would become very mundane. This is the sole reason that GSW's major goal will be its own assault on the military/government suppression of pertinent data. This is the area that will give us the pertinent information to continue onward. To collect UFO reports for ten more years will only add another 10,000 sightings to the present stacks of raw, useless data.

I am not inferring that civilian UFO groups should not be evaluating current sightings, however, discretion should be used in determining what types of sightings will contribute new information to the overall objectives of scientific research.

All "scientific" organizations must play this game with the same rules, or they should forget about even playing. These rules are simple and easily followed. Investigate thoroughly the "best" cases, catalog the same for pattern recognition, commence proper programs for hypothesis testing and secondary evidence evaluations, and then form conclusions based on the above sequence of researching. If these steps are not followed, the results can only be considered subjective and nothing can be done with this data, regardless of how well it sounds.

Our own research priorities must be shifted and an all out effort must be made, or at least attempted, to "force" the government/military officials into releasing valuable research information. In order for this to be successful, the Directors of GSW are issuing the following guidelines, to solidify our investigative posture.

- 1. All Staff members and Field Directors are requested to re-evaluate all UFO cases involving government tampering with the witness(es) or their evidence. Any cases involving this prerequisite should be forwarded to Todd Zechel, Director of Research.
- 2. Every effort must be made to support our FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) work. Funds are urgently needed and all of our membership is being solicited to contribute to this cause. You can help by instructing your friends and associates that GSW has UFO photographs and documents available at reasonable prices. This, in turn, will put funds into this type of research.
- 3. All secondary evidence Team Leaders are being asked to hold the line on budget requests. If we can have a normal year, excess monies can be shifted for the FOIA work.
- 4. All field investigators, investigating the pre-selected UFO sighting should do their part by obtaining the total amount of sighting data on the first attempt, so we can stop wasting efforts on two or more field trips.

If these simple tasks are followed we envision some worthwhile gains in our research efforts and 1977 goals. If we fail and think we can not improve any of our efforts, then we all must face the real possibility of a breakdown in the scientific, objective UFO movement.

ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

William Spaulding, Western Director of GSW, will be one of the key speakers at the MUFON Symposium in July. His presentation will be similar to the all-pictorial public lecture that he gave in Phoenix in January.

At that lecture, slides and movies were presented which gave evidence for the extraterrestrial theory of UFO origin and the July presentation will be better in that slides that have never been publicly viewed before will be shown in what has already been called Book II.

In an interesting and informative manner, photographs of both bonafide unknowns and hoaxes will be presented along with the computerized enhancement of many of those photos, as Spaulding describes how photographs are analyzed as to their authenticity.

This will be the most fact-packed lecture that GSW has yet presented.

During the month of February, GSW presented 23 lectures. Considering the fact that over 200 lectures are scheduled for the remainder of the year, and these will be presented throughout the country, GSW lecturers (and in particular, William Spaulding) will have a very busy year ahead.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST INTERNATIONAL UFOLOGY CONGRESS

With the purpose of acting as a springboard for Project UNUFO, (an international movement to bring about a UFO research effort under the direction of the United Nations, scientists and contributors to the project) the week long First International Ufology Congress will be held from April 17 to April 23 in Acapulco, Mexico.

Speakers at the event include renowned Urologists of eight different countries and the conference will be handled similarly to the United Nations with simultaneous translations into English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and German. Among the invited speakers are J. Allen Hynek, Carl Sagan, Jacques Vallee, John Kell, Donald Keyhoe, David Saunders, William Spaulding, Ray Stanford, Walt Andrus, and astronaut Gordon Cooper from the United States; Charles Bowen, Gordon Creighton, and Brinsley Le Pour Trench from England; Aime Michel and Claude Poher from France; Erich Von Daniken from Switzerland; Hans Peterson from Denmark; Antonio Ribera from Spain; Fabio Zerpa from Argentina; and June Ichi-Takanaski from Japan.

It is hoped that this conference will lead to important international agreements and government awareness of the UFO problem.

The registration fee is \$150, and lodging is \$375. Interested persons can get registration forms and information from: UFOlogy Conference, 175 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM

The 1977 MUFON UFO Symposium will be held July 16 and 17 at the Safari Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Scottsdale, Arizona. This will be the 8th Annual Symposium and the first one to he held in the Western Regional District of the United States.

Already promising to be very interesting, speakers giving presentations at the symposium, include such well known ufologists as Stanton Friedman, William Spaulding, James M. McCampbell, Thomas Gates, Bill Pitts, William Hassell, and Alvin Lawson. In addition, interested persons may attend a number of specialty workshops that will cover a range of subjects from "Field Investigation" to "Computer Advancement Technology."

Lectures will begin on Saturday, July 16, with Thomas Gates who is Director of the Space Science Center at Sunnyvale, California and MUFON consultant. Following Gates, Alvin Lawson, PhD, will be giving a presentation entitled, "What Can We Learn From Abduction Cases?" The morning lectures will be rounded off by Bill Pitts, MUFON's Arkansas State Director, whose topic is "UFO Investigations."

After a break for lunch, the afternoon presentations will begin. Two speakers are scheduled. First, William Hassell will give a presentation entitled, "Future Physics and Anti-Gravity". Hassell is the MUFON consultant in propulsion.

James M. McCampbell, the last speaker of the afternoon, has been a well-known scientist in Ufology and in Mathematics and Physics, having been recognized in "American Men of Science" and in the international "Who's Who in Atoms." During the past decade, McCampbell has been engaged in technical management, working on such large-scale projects as expansion plans for national research centers, economic development plans for foreign nations, and test facilities for NASA.

An evening dinner will be served at the hotel, after which, the main speaker of the day, Stanton Friedman, will give a very interesting audio-visual presentation. Stanton Friedman, a Nuclear Physicist, serves MUFON as a consultant in nuclear physics and is Director of the California UFO Research Institute in Lawndale, California. In great demand as a lecturer on the subject of UFO's as well as radiation sheilding, Friedman has an extensive background as a scientist for some of the country's top space and electronics corporations. He has worked with various analytical aspects of radiation shielding for nuclear aircraft, and he has developed, or been associated with the development of, nuclear systems for space and terrestrial applications, fusion propulsion for space, and nuclear systems for spacecraft.

On Sunday, July 17, William Spaulding, Western Division Director for GSW, will give an all-pictorial presentation entitled,

"Modern Image Processing Revisits Great Falls, Montana and Tremonton, Utah Movies." Spaulding's lecture will include some new photographic evidence, here-to-fore unseen by the public. A quality control engineer with the aerospace industry, Spaulding is well-known for his entertaining and fact-filled lectures. Representing GSW, he has given hundreds of lectures throughout the country.

On Sunday morning, there will also be an Annual MUFON meeting, which will be closed to the public. GSW members have been invited to attend this meeting and GSW urges all of its members to attend at least a portion of the Symposium lectures.

Throughout the proceedings of the Symposium, Richard Gottlieb, a member of the Research Staff of the Western Division of GSW, will be moderating. Gottlieb is a very knowledgeable lecturer in his own right and has, for a number of years, been lecturing on UFOs at Phoenix area schools.

Tickets and information will be available at the end of April and can be obtained in advance by writing: GSW-WD, 13238 N. 7th Dr., Phx., AZ. 85029. Ticket prices are as follows: Saturday, July 16, morning sessions, \$3.00; Saturday afternoon sessions, \$3.00; Saturday evening, \$7.50; and Sunday, July 17, afternoon sessions, \$2.00. If tickets are purchased, in advance, for all 4 sessions, with dinner, the tickets will be \$16 rather than \$18.50

SATURDAY, July 16, 1977 MORNING SESSION (\$3.00)

- 1. Thomas Gates
- 2. Alvin Lawson "What Can We Learn From Abduction Cases?"
- 3. Bill Pitts "UFO Investigations"

AFTERNOON SESSION (\$3.00)

- 1. William Hassell "Future Physics and Anti-Gravity"
- 2. James M. McCampbell
- 3. Specialty Workshops
 - a. Field Investigation Techniques
 - b. Cattle Mutilations
 - c. Animal Reactions
 - d. Electromagnetic Effects

DINNER (\$7.50)

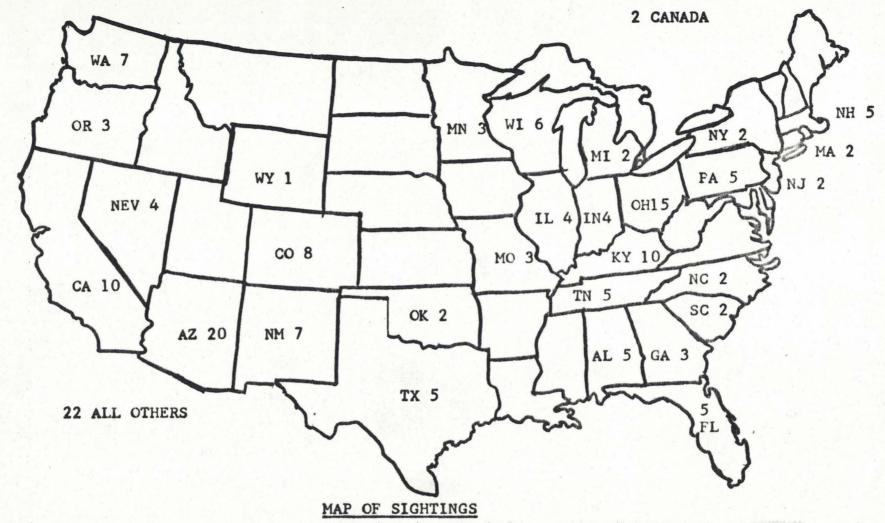
EVENING SESSION (\$3.00)

Stanton Friedman

SUNDAY JULY 17, 1977
MORNING

Mutual UFO Network, Inc.... Annual Meeting (closed to public)
AFTERMOON (\$2.00)

William Spaulding - "Modern Image Processing Revisits Great Falls, Montana and Tremonton, Utah"



SIGHTINGS LOGGED IN BY GSW-EAST AND WEST. ALL SIGHTINGS DO NOT CONSTITUTE BONAFIDE UFOs.

- 1. 180 called in reports of UFOs.
- 30 reports (hard copy) received.
 Unknown rate (%) to date on November 1976 through March 1977 data, 4.5%.
- 4. Arizona numbers do not include the Phoenix based advertisement airplane.

THESE SIGHTINGS COVER THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1976 THROUGH MARCH 1, 1977.

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WHY THE COVER-UP?

By Richard Gottlieb, GSW/WD Research Staff

Civilian UFO organizations have long asserted that the United States Intelligence services are aware of the existance and origins of unidentified flying objects. They usually claim that ever since the extraterrestrial nature of these objects was determined by our government, a conspiracy to withold the truth from the public (dwarfing the Watergate cover-up) has been in effect. It is doubtful that the authenticity of this charge can be verified since the majority of those making the proposition seldom produce meaningful evidence, and since government policy for such a matter would obviously prohibit confirmation should it be true. The claim is none-the-less an interesting one, and should be investigated. The fact that there is little publicized governmental UFO interest fails to disconfirm the hypotheses, especially in the wake of recent revelations on U.S. covert intelligence activities.

In order to pierce bureaucratic red tape. certain individuals and organizations have proposed new methods of both determining the existance of a conspiracy and of eliciting the maximum possible amount of government-controlled UFO data. These methods include utilization of the F.O.I.A. (Freedom Of Information Act), congressional letter-writing campaigns, petition drives for open congressional hearings on UFOs, and others. Whether or not any of these will be successful in exposing information government edicts proclaim classified, remains to be seen. If the Rockefeller investigation into the CIA is a typical example, official information channels may be unproductive even under pressure. It is possible however, that in the months ahead specific revelations will go public. It is before such a situation develops that the UFOlogist and the UFO researcher should undergo serious soul-searching. Should a cover-up exist, why is the government allocating so much energy for blinding its public? From what is it shielding us? Would we be doing a disservice to our country by exposing the conspiracy, or would we simply be correcting an untenable situation which developed as a result of bureaucratic mismanagement?

Assume that a cover-up exists. Any move designed to forcibly expose classified information is potentially dangerous if undertaken by parties with limited comprehension of the interacting variables which may have warranted its "secret" designation. Granting that such information is accessible through legal and non-treasonous means, those releasing it still risk producing unpredictable, harmful effects on society. A safer approach would be to attempt to change those policies which the public deems undesireable. Yet, what if those who set the relevant policies are immune to public pressure? What if the blanket term "rational security" is in this case being misused, as it was in the Watergate affair? Would it then be correct to use any available method to publicize the truth?

If a cover-up has been in effect since 1953 as is the normal claim, few if any of our current office-holders participated in it. Though elected officials come and go, U.S. Intelligence lives on. It is, in fact, the only segment of our nebulous government with the

size, longevity, legal seclusion, and resources required to institute, maintain, and reinforce a cover-up of this magnitude. It is easy to hope and expect that if Intelligence is behind such a conspiracy there is good reason. However, this is not necessarily the case.

Only extremely limited public influence on the Intelligence community exists. Elected officials nominate and confirm organizational chiefs. but that is the full extent of our control. We have no knowledge of who is in those organizations, their methods of operation, if they have any self-imposed policing or moral constraints, etc.. Furthermore, our elected officials also seem to have little influence. Congress had to set up a special commission (Rockefeller) just to investigate the CIA, and it is extremely probable that only the tip of the iceberg was uncovered! Though I recognize the need for covert intelligence, it is clear that if by some miracle these organizations no longer participate in publicly unacceptable activities, such as the recently exposed drug experiment on an unsuspecting U.S. Marine in the 1950's, the situation remains conducive for them to occur. There simply are no constraints on covert intelligence activities. It is possible that this freedom within the Intelligence community has resulted in the unnecessary continuation of the UFO cover-up.

Most groups seeking to explain the government's basis for secrecy cite potential harmful effects on society that would result should the truth about UFOs be divulged to the public. Some of these are very real possibilities. Social, political, religious and economic consequences could all be realized upon release of this news. The effects could take several forms. Culture shock could ensue if the extraterrestrials are socially radically different, say cannibalistic, even if their intentions are completely peaceful. Extreme physical differences in chemistry, physiology, or anatomy could definitely There is a real danger in being exposed to alien frighten people. bacteria for which we have no resistance. There is also a definite problem with ego-shock potential. The truth would force us to recognize that we are not the most technologically advanced creatures in the universe. In addition to affecting national security, it by its nature harbors a foreboding tone, especially since no extraterrestrials have made an overt attempt to contact us. Surely, they are avoiding us if they are here!

Due to several contradictions in government policy, it is my opinion that none of these reasons are responsible for the current cover-up, again assuming that there is one. We are now more than ever in the There is a huge interest in space and the concept of extraterrestrial life. Witness the phenomenal success of "Star Trek", and the huge sections of commercial bookstores reserved for space science fiction literature. If government policy makers are afraid of public reaction to news of extraterrestrial contact, it would be contrary to a cover-up to reinforce speculation on life in space. Yet that is exactly what they are doing! The two Viking probes on Mars have as their main function to search for alien life. Our whole space program is geared for that possibility. And N.A.S.A. is not the only government project that is stimulating thought. A government sponsored international group of scientists has formed C.E.T.I. (Communication With Extraterrestrial Intelligence) to study the matter and to formulate feasible methods of contact without the use of space vessels. Daily, government radio-telescopes scan deep space

for intelligently patterned radio signals. There is even serious talk of using those installations to emit our own "greetings and felicitations" to any ear (or similarly functioning organ) that might be listening. Though the government is notorious for wasting taxpayer money, I find it difficult to believe that they would finance two such mutually contradictory programs as a UFO cover-up based on fear of public reaction to contact, and research designed to facilitate contact.!

An alternative explanation involving the intelligence community may be proposed. When one researches what is known about the history of UFOs and UFOlogy, the hypothesis makes some sense. Modern UFO history began in this country with the Kenneth Arnold sighting over Mt. Rainier, Washington on June 6, 1947. During the flap that followed, the government was literally caught with its pants down. We had just established ourselves as the dominant military power on this planet when the sighting reports began to flood the Air Force. The trouble was that the Air Force didn't know the first thing about what was happening!

In order to relieve public pressure and because there existed a potential threat to national security, two Air Force sponsored investigative projects (Sign and Saucer) were instituted. A final report called "Estimate of the Situation" was produced. The report's main conclusion was that UFOs did in fact represent intelligently controlled extraterrestrial vehicles. It was at this point that the cover-up began.

Policy makers were faced with a difficult decision. If the conclusions of the report were correct a decision had to be made about releasing the conclusions to the masses. The public of the early 1950's however, was much different from what it is like today. The country still could taste the smoke of World War II, and was in the process of disengagement in Korea. It was, therefore, a war-weary public that would or would not be told the truth. It was a people who, a bare decade earlier, panicked from a radio dramatization dealing with Man's first unpleasant encounter with invaders from space. It was a Bible-Belt that would have to be convinced that we were not God's only inhabited planet.

A committee was formed to meet the developing crisis. The "Robertson Panel" made the recommendation, if not the decision, to cover up the brewing UFO mystery. This may have been the perfectly correct thing to do at the time since it would both prevent unnecessary panic should the conclusions of "Estimate of the Situation" be in error, and would allow for further investigation into the matter, including methods for minimizing maladaptive public reaction should the extraterrestrial hypothesis be confirmed. The remaining two Air Force investigative projects (Grudge and Blue Book) apparently served no function other than to appease a curious public.

During the next several years, the government secretly conducted their own investigation. In the mean-time Mr. and Mrs. John Doe continued to report inexplicable aerial phenomena, and a fear of mass public reaction remained prominent in the minds of policy makers. An order to foul-up public UFO investigation and cover-up UFO evidence was issued by Intelligence upper echelon to ensure that no UFO story could be proven. Private citizens were ridiculed for reporting what

they saw (a very potent weapon indeed!) Ridiculous individual sighting explanations of official origin flooded the media. There was, in fact, no authority to which a witness could turn without being labeled a lunatic or a publicity seeker. Deliberate attempts to falsely explain away the mystery were generated, like the rumor that the Air Force was testing a new type of aircraft. This particular rumor was so widely used that the now famous AVRO car was built at enormous cost so the rumor could be backed up with photographs. This secret aircraft, which was supposed to cruise at multi-mach velocities, crashed on its maiden flight (less than two feet off the ground) and is now collecting dust at a Virginia Army base!

Unfortunately, the cover-up was not an entirely docile one. There were credible people with tangible evidence also reporting the phenomenon. If the cover-up was to be effective, Intelligence had to deal with these people also. Acts bordering on, or entering into, the realm of illegality became necessary. Agents from the FBI and CIA started making house calls on UFO witnesses. Those who had especially confirmable evidence were questioned, their evidence confiscated for analysis, and somehow "lost" in the process of investigation. Ground markings were destroyed, film evidence withheld, and witnesses were politely told not to mention their experience to anyone. The policy continued at least up to the mid-1960's.

By that time Intelligence had made the determination that extraterrestrial visitations were occuring, but with no immediate hostile intent. The problem now shifted to one of buffering the public for the inevitable forthcoming announcement. We had entered the spacerace with Russia by then, and it occurred to policy makers that exposure to the concept of extra-terrestrial life over a period of time through controllable government channels would best condition the public to accept most future announcements. However, a thorn arose in their plans with the rise of the civilian UFO organization.

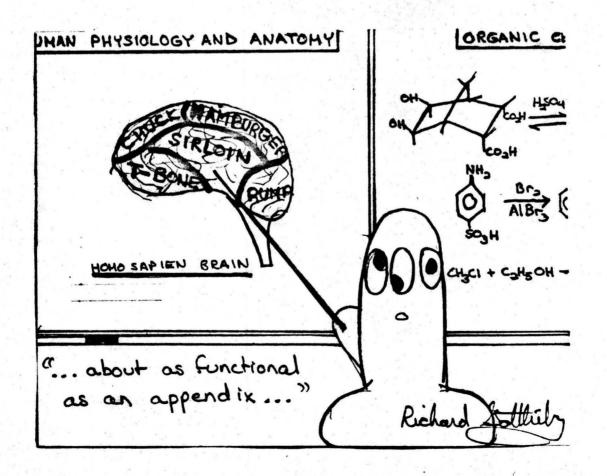
These organizations, though lacking the vast majority of data required to prove the existance of UFOs, did have sufficient information to show that Uncle Sam was utilizing less than proper procedures to cover-up the story. Intelligence realized that if it told the truth about UFOs it would have to explain its reasons for withholding the news so long, and would have to be accountable for the illegal acts perpetrated on American citizens - acts that caused the loss of jobs, public ridicule, and much unnecessary personal suffering. Intelligence has always been sensitive about public accountability for its actions, but now, more than ever, due to the tremendous revelations made in recent years about domestic and foreign covert acts (i.e. wiretapping, assassinations, etc..). If the UFO story is to be released by them it is likely that they will try to do so in a manner that will keep their own slate clean.

Today we are in the conditioning phase of the government's plan to break the news to the public. We have been exposed to numerous T.V. specials on UFOs, to public discussion on it involving government scientists, and to a "live report" from Mars. According to the above explanation, we don't have too long to wait before we are told the truth. But will it be the whole truth? Will the errors and crimes committed by the Intelligence community also be exposed? We have a right to know why this occurred. We have the right to know

the whole truth now.

If there is no UFO conspiracy the government should not mind our investigations. If the cover-up does exist, but currently only to hide past errors or crimes committed by the Intelligence community against UFO witnesses, we should proceed undaunted in our effort to discover the truth. A cover-up could also exist for reasons of national security or continued fear of public reaction. However, for reasons expressed earlier in this article, I don't believe this is the case. It is therefore my recommendation that we should use available legal means to discover the truth. We may pay a price by uncovering something that should have been left alone, but I think it far more likely that we will simply stimulate the change that has been so long in coming.

This might be a good point at which to remind you that as GSW members we have a responsibility to help our organization attain its goals. In the December issue of the News Bulletin, an FOIA petition was attached so that each of us could assist in obtaining signatures for the purpose of opening Congressional hearings on UFOs. If you have not already done so, please try and get your petition filled and return it to GSW, Inc. 13238 N. 7th Dr., Phoenix, Az. 85029.



The following article deals with the information that has thus far been accumulated through the use of FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). Necessarily, certain bits of data have been deleted from the original paper, however, the remaining information should be enough to give members some idea as to the status of this research that is of great importance in the attainment of GSW's goal of exposing the cover-up of UFO information. Additional information may be requested by writing to GSW's Western Division Offices.

ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

By W. Todd Zechel, Director of Research, GSW

The following items are conclusions I have made after six months of extensive research, and are considered provable at the present time:

- 1) All four major directorates of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) - Intelligence; Operations; Science and Technology; and Management & Services - have been involved in collecting, analyzing, and suppressing UFO data.
- 2) The CIA's Directorate of Intelligence has been collecting UFO data since its inception in 1948, with the analysis of raw data as follows:
 - (a) Analysis of all UFO photographic data: National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC), founded following the Robertson Panel in January of 1953, originally staffed with former Naval Photo Interpretation Center (NavPIC) personnel.
 - (b) Primary analysis of non-photographic cases (including physical evidence cases), secondary analysis of photographic cases: Office of Scientific Intelligence, Directorate of Science & Technology.
- 3) The CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence has been analyzing UFO data since its inception in 1948. The UFO reports originated from both domestic and foreign sources. The domestic data is collected in the following manner:
 - (a) From the Air Force, through the Pentagon's Office of Current Intelligence.
 - (b) From the intelligence agencies via the integrations with these agencies communication networks.
 - (c) From the Domestic Operations Division's offices in approximately 21 American cities, via Office of Communication's network.
- 3) Foreign data is collected in much the same manner, with the following exceptions:

- (a) The Domestic Operations Division is not utilized.
- (b) In the Intelligence Directorate, the following office is utilized: The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (providing UFO reports from 1949 to present).
- 4) Agents from CIA's Directorate of Operations have been utilized for the interrogation of UFO witnesses and photographers. (Example: The Ditter/Ohio hoax photo case). In addition, agents from the Directorate's Domestic Operations Division have been utilized to harass, intimidate, and silence UFO witnesses and photographers.
- 5) The Covert Action Staff of the Operations Directorate has been utilized in the dissemination of disinformation pertaining to "covering" the CIA's involvement in UFO research, and misleading the public concerning the nature and authenticity of UFO phenomena.
- 6) The Office of Scientific Intelligence has analyzed physical evidence proving the existence of UFOs and of ET life. This evidence has included residuum material from the following cases:
 - (a) Alvin E. Moore's recovery near Herndon, Va., July 1952.
 - (b) Residuum obtained after a 'hit' by a Nike missle, November 1957.
- 7) Unaccounted for photographic evidence (missing from Blue Book Files), that occurred prior to 1953, can be traced to the Naval Photographic Interpretation Center, Anacostia, Md. From NavPIC, the photographs and the analyses were forwarded directly to the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence. A partial list of missing data known to be in CIA's possession include nine cases (further information is available by contacting GSW).
- 9) In reality, Air Force Project Blue Book was no more than a PR front, primarily covering for the secret research being conducted by the CIA. The basic reason why Blue Book's staff and funding was always limited was that to give BB full support would have been a waste, since it would have been duplicating research already being conducted by CIA. Therefore, and for the most part unwittingly, Blue Book's facade enabled the CIA to pull off the greatest propaganda fraud in history.
- 10) The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) was also secretly involved in UFO research. The project was begun in April 1952, following an incident wherein a Navy Secretary's plane flight en route to Hawaii was buzzed by two UFOs. A Navy Admiral was ordered to start a UFO project, using the facilities of ONI and the Office of Naval Research (ONR). At ONR films were analyzed.
- 11) The following projects are being contemplated for future investigation, and are listed in order of their priority:
 - (a) Travel to East Coast, meet in person with contacts dealing with a crashed saucer story in <u>Ufology</u>.
 - (b) Follow through with investigation of Emenegger's sources for his book; interview ONI officers involved in psychic incident; interview a witness who supposedly witnessed the Holloman AFB landing and filming.

- (d) Investigate disappearance of two F-94 interceptors off Alaska coast, 1961 during pursuit of UFO (information provided by recent Air Force source).
- (e) Investigate full details of Nike missle shootdown of UFO; contact GOC personnel who may have been involved.
- (f) Investigate UFO landing near AFB, New Mexico, 1959. Object spotted in desert by search personnel on B-58 Hustler film rescue mission. (Air Force source).
- (g) Whatever else I can find time to do.

During the past 6 months I have expended approximately \$3,000 in this research. Most of this funding has come out of my own pocket. However, I am grateful for the support I have been given by GSW. Every dollar that can be spared is sorely needed. And greatly appreciated, I must add. Hopefully, GSW will see fit to expand its support and funding for my projects. As you can see, I get results!

There is an immediate need for additional funding in this important area of research. For those members who wish to donate to the FOIA research, contact William Spaulding, Director, Western Division, GSW, Inc. 13238 N. 7th Drive, Phoenix, Az. 85029. Since GSW is a nonprofit organization, any donations are tax-deductible.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE PRESIDENT

During the Presidential campaign last year, Democratic candidate Jimmy Carter evidently indicated he would be willing to support an investigation into the UFO phenomena should he be elected President. William H. Spaulding, Director of GSW/WD, decided to find out if Mr. Carter intends to make good his "campaign promise," and as a result, the following correspondence was initiated. We are pleased to have the opportunity to include these letters (verbatim) in our Bulletin as they are sure to be of interest to us all . . .

(Letter from William H. Spaulding to President Carter, Feb. 5, 1977)

"Mr. President:

Recently our organization has been hearing of your willingness to open a bonafide investigation into the vexing phenomena of unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Most of the previous efforts by the military/government establishment, has in our honest opinion, been anything but scientific or truthful.

Our organization, since its conception, has uncovered absolute proof of a government foul-up and cover-up. The usage of the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) by our researchers has only substantiated those facts.

We stand ready at the present to supply to a duely appointed, objective research committee, sanctioned by your office, a high volume of data implicating the various intelligence offices of a deliberate UFO conspiracy.

If we can be of further service or supply you with additional data feel free to contact our organization. We are totally cognizant that there are more serious problems existing than the UFO phenomenon, however, we believe that it does need a final objective study to clarify and rectify the misconceptions and the atrocities against the unsuspecting UFO witness.

We hope your tenure as President can be fulfilling, best of luck to you in the future."

(Letter from L. E. Seminare, Jr., Colonel, USAF to William H. Spaulding, dated Feb. 16, 1977)

"Dear Mr. Spaulding:

On behalf of President Carter, this is in reply to your recent letter regarding unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Hopefully, the following material will be of interest to you.

You will appreciate that as chief executive of our government, as well as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, the President cannot possibly respond personally to each communication addressed to him. Consequently, the President has directed that each Executive agency designate an official as the White House liaison officer who is charged with the responsibility of giving correspondence such as yours the same careful consideration the President would, were he able to do so himself. This is my duty in the Air Force and the reason I am answering.

With the termination of Project Blue Book, the Air Force regulation establishing and controlling the program for investigating and analyzing UFOs was recinded. All documentation regarding the former Blue Book investigation has been permanently transferred to the Modern Military Branch, National Archives and Records Service, 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20408, and is available for public review and analysis.

The decision to discontinue UFO investigations was based upon an evaluation of a report prepared by the University of Colorado entitled, "Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects"; a review of the University of Colorado's report by the National Academy of Sciences; past UFO studies; and Air Force experience investigating UFOs during the past two decades.

As a result of these investigations and studies, and experience gained from investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) no UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security; (2) there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as "unidentified" represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge; and (3) there has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as "unidentified" are extra-terrestrial vehicles.

The complete University of Colorado report is available to the public at the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, Virginia 22151. It is noteworthy that panel members of the National Academy of Sciences reviewing the study

concurred with its scope, methodology, and findings.

Since the termination of Project Blue Book, no evidence has been presented to indicate that further investigation of UFOs by the Air Force is warranted. In view of the considerable Air Force commitment of resources in the past, and the extreme pressure on Air Force funds at this time, there is little likelihood of renewed Air Force involvement in this area.

At present there are a number of universities and professional scientific organizations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which have considered UFO phenomena during periodic meetings and seminars. In addition, a list of private organizations interested in aerial phenomena may be found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations (Edition 8, VolI, pp. 432-3). Such timely review of the situation by private groups will insure that sound evidence is not overlooked by the scientific community.

I hope this information is useful to you. Best wishes in your endeavors."

(Letter from William H. Spaulding to Colonel L. E. Seminare, Jr., dated Feb. 26, 1977)

"Dear Colonel Seminare, Jr.

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 16, 1977 and appreciate the speedy reply. Our organization is fully cognizant of the Presidents' schedule and therefore we did not expect a direct reply from him. The fact that the President has designated a White House liaison officer to answer inquiries and correspondence from the body politic is standard operating methodology for each administration. We also appreciate the careful consideration given to our request, however, with you acting as an intermediary, one question arises, was the President aware of our letter and your reply? Or are we to assume that the President is much too busy to be made aware of verbiage involving the study of UFOs.

Commencing with paragraph three of your letter we realize the Project Blue Book records have been relocated to NARS from their previous Maxwell AFB location and that these same records are available to the public. However, all the cases are not in the NARS files! Obviously I will not take up your valuable time and give you a case by case list of "missing" evidence. Additionally our organization can prove beyond any reasonable doubt that photographs, important to our research, have been removed and "lost" from the Air Force files. There is sufficient evidence to show that this important data is in the possession of certain intelligence agencies.

We are well aware of the Colorado Project results on the study of unidentified flying objects and its biased findings. For your information the late Dr. Condon, who headed the project, spent the majority of his energies and the taxpayers money on subjective, ridiculous abduction (contactee) cases and very little effort on the hard datatype incidents.

There was extreme turmoil in the ranks of this project which resulted in the firing of certain members of the study, prior to the conclusion of the same. You have listed three well-known conclusions by the Condon Committee, which are only opinions and not factual statements.

Realistically, how could an objective body of scientists reach the conclusions that UFOs categorized as "unidentified" (Unknown) are not extra-terrestrial vehicles, when the project studied only ninety (90) cases and found close to fifty percent of them "unidentified." These conclusions are well defined in the Colorado Project's voluminous writings. With reference to your letter statement that "No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security," this surely must be an oversight on your part, as on December 24, 1959 the Inspector General of the Air Force released a directive to all commands, a warning to treat sightings of UFOs as "serious business" related to the nation's defense.

Additional data exists in the form of military/government documents, which state flatly that UFO sightings are related to the defense and security of the United States. Some of these include the Navy's MERINT document 94-P-3B and the Joint Chiefs of Staff document JANAP 146E.

In 1969 when Project Blue Book officially determinated its active phase of UFO investigation, one must assume that the UFO subject has been solved and there is no residuum to warrant a further investigation or to spend additional dollars on the subject. If the official position of the United States government is that UFOs do not exist, after two decades of study, why is information being supressed?

Our organization is fully cognizant of your position and it is not our intent to argue the Air Force's public relation policy on UFOs. However, we feel we have sufficient evidence to prove that the subject is not a dead one, that covert operations have transpired, outside of the Air Force's investigation, and that the evidence is strong enough to warrant Congressional hearings on the subject.

As the fourth largest civilian UFO organization in the United States, and with our twenty years of scientific investigation experience, we are well aware of the contents of Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations.

To be perfectly honest with you, we were expecting a better reply than we received, one that was devoid of all the PR and insincere grandiloquent rhetoric that we have been receiving during the past years. I hope you realize that your detailed reply, although appropriate for the body politic, does NOT begin to answer a multitude of unanswered UFO oriented questions.

I hope you realize that our research efforts are serious and we plan to continue with the same until all segments of the UFO enigma are made public. After all, if UFOs do not officially exist then what possible logic is there behind the continual data supression tactics by all governmental agencies?

We appreciate your time and the information previously sent,"

We hope the example set by Mr. Spaulding will motivate our readers to "take pen in hand" and write their Congressmen, or Mr. Carter himself, about their concern over governmental suppression of UFO related data. Through our concerted efforts a Congressional hearing on the subject may become a reality.

STILL MORE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TRAVIS WALTON "INCIDENT".

We felt that Mr. John McCarthy, Polygraph Operator, who conducted a polygraph test on Travis Walton in November of 1975 should be allowed to tell his side of the story to rebuke the question of his integrity and professionalism by those who would do so to cover their own lack of honesty and integrity. The following information has been taken from a taped interview with Mr. McCarthy on March 1, 1977 by John Schaefer.

JS: I'm having an interview with John McCarthy, and the date is March 1, 1977. And you have a comment to make on that article?

JM: Yes. It's over questioning Lorenzen, and it says. "Let's talk about the McCarthy polygraph test which was made only a week after Travis returned and which he failed. Why were those results hushed up?" Lorenzen: "Three psychiatrists who examined Travis on the same occasion declared the test to be meaningless because of Walton's state of mind and the circumstances under which the test was given." Well, number one, this is a fabrication by Lorenzen, because there were no psychiatrists present at the occasion I ran him. The only people outside of the National Enquirer reporters and photographers who were there were Walton's brother, Travis Walton's brother, Dwayne, and a Dr. Harder. He was introduced to me as a doctor. I didn't know whether he was a medical doctor or what he was. I found out later he was something of a psychologist, or a hypnotist, or something of this nature, when actually he's a professor of engineering, I think, something at Cal. Okay, now those are the only people present. I learned some months later, in fact during the time when I was there in the room with Harder and the rest of them, Harder received a phone call, I believe from Lorenzen, I'm not sure, in which Harder relayed to the others that doctors so-and-so (Rosenbaum) husband and wife team were flying in from Colorado, and they'd be in that night or the next day. I found out later that these were the psychiatrists who examined him, but they weren't present at the time I gave the examination.

Also Lorenzen is not being very straightforward in this interview with Oberg. Lorenzen himself made the initial contact with me to do the examination, asked if I would do the examination. And I had been referred to him by a friend of his here in town, for whom I used to work, and who knows of my professionalism in the polygraph field. So he called me ostensibly as the number one man to do the test. After a brief conversation with Lorenzen on the phone, he said, "I'm going to put Dr. Harder on." So then Dr. Harder got on the phone and introduced himself as Dr. Harder and asked if I would be willing to do the test, and I said, "Yes." And he said that he had hypnotized Walton and I asked him, "Now, would that have any effect on any possible outcome of the polygraph examination? Is the man going to be under hypnosis?" And he said, "Oh, no. We just hypnotized him to see if his story was straight." And so-forth and so-on. "But he's not under hypnosis, and he won't be under hypnosis when the examination takes place." I asked him if he was mentally and physically capable of the examination after his alleged incident. And he said, "Oh, yes. He's perfectly all right."...or words to that effect. So we agreed to do the examination, and that was here in the office. They called me on the phone here. Later at my home they specified the time and place

for the examination, which would be at the hotel in Scottsdale, and that I wasn't to tell anybody where I was going. And I said, "That's fine, except that I shall tell my wife." And they sort of laughed and agreed to that. So, there were no psychiatrists present at the same time, so therefore Lorenzen wasn't being very factual with Oberg on that point.

JS: What APRO affiliated persons were at the Sheraton Hotel during your test?

JM: The only one that I'm aware of was Dr. Harder. Lorenzen was not there. The rest of the people there were, as I said, Dwayne Walton and the various photographers and reporters for the National Enquirer.

JS: What was the state of Travis' mind prior to the test?

JM: He appeared to me to be perfectly lucid. We went through a rather extensive pre-test interview, and during this time I sized him up like we do on every examination with anybody, to see if he was, in our opinion, rational and so forth. And he assured me that he was, and he talked and answered my questions rather straightforwardly.

JS: And so, in your opinion, you would not say that he was unsettled?

JM: No. He was, I would say, apprehensive, as is everybody that is going to go through a polygraph examination., whether it's for preemployment or a criminal test for some judge here in town. Everybody's a little apprehensive.

JS: Did you frame your own test questions?

JM: Oh yes.

JS: They did not indicate in advance what areas you should ask, or did they give you any specific questions?

JM: No. They told me what had transpired, and then Dr. Harder indicated they had several tape recordings of interviews with Walton which they had taken. And I said, "Well, in preparation for this, I'm going to sit down and go over these interviews and listen to these recordings." And they produced several; they had about three or four or five tape recorders all over the place. And so they then went to lunch, all of them, and left me in the room. And I sat down there while they were at lunch and listened to the tape recordings and the questions and the answers that Walton gave and I jotted down notes which I thought were pertinent. Following this, they came back to the suite of rooms, to the bedroom, and they asked if I wanted anything else. And I said, "Yes, I would like to talk to.".. they brought Dwayne in and introduced me to him ... and I said, "I'd like to talk to Dwayne before I see Travis." At this point I had never seen Travis. They had him in another room someplace in the complex. So I cut a short interview with Dwayne, and I asked him about Travis, and what type of kid he was, and had he ever used drugs or anything of this nature, and he assured me that he was a straight-arrow...that he was like a father to him, and he had sort of brought him up over the years...and that he never used drugs and never been in trouble with the law or anything of this nature. He was just a straight kid, and he would never lie to anybody. So with that I was introduced to Travis and we started.

JS: Okay. Do you personally feel that there was anything wrong with the type of questions you asked Travis? For example, APRO says Travis was boxed in as your first question forced him to speculate. For example, your question: "Were you actually taken aboard a spacecraft on November 5, 1975?"

JM: Well, I didn't box him in. I'm just asking him a question to which he previously...a deed which he asserted had happened to him... that he was on a spacecraft. So, my first question was, "Were you actually on a spacecraft?"

JS: How do you think APRO can make value judgements against your testing, especially after this rape of polygraph testing standards with George Pfeifer?

JM: Personally, I don't see that anybody that I have talked to in APRO has any expertise in the polygraph technique or in the proper framing of testing or anything else. They may talk a lot, but as far as I'm concerned, they don't have any valid premise for their contentions.

JS: Have any of your technical peers criticized your ethics in this case?

JM: No.

JS: Nobody's said anything to the media or anything against your ethical standards?

JM: Not to my knowledge. Oh, that brings up another question. If I recall correctly, Lorenzen told somebody or printed in that APRO bulletin, that I had violated our code of ethics because I revealed the fact that he was tested when I was sworn to secrecy, or some such thing like that. To back up a bit, prior to the examination of Walton, this Jenkins, I believe it was, who was the lead reporter on this team from the National Enquirer, out of their Los Angeles office, asked me if I would have any objection to his photographer taking pictures of myself, the instruments, and the charts, subsequent to my test, and I said, "No, I have no objection whatsoever." Following the test, and after I had given my adverse opinion, and they got all shook up, there was no mention of any photographs or anything else; but what they did do, they went into a little huddle and went into an adjoining room and typed out a statement which they asked me to sign, saying that I wouldn't reveal their presence, of their investigating team here in town, that I would not reveal the results of the test to anyone, except the editor in Florida to whom I was directed to send the report. And so I did, I signed it. And Jenkins signed it, and some other National Enquirer reporter signed it. Now, Lorenzen is claiming that I violated that pact which I signed with the National Enquirer people, because I was the one who revealed the fact that Walton had taken the test and flunked it. Well, this is not true. I have subsequently, the first indication that I knew that anybody else knew that I had done Walton, was that I got a telephone call from Washington, D.C. from Phillip Klass, and Phil said that he had been talking to Tom Ezell, whose office is right down the street here and for whom Pfeifer worked at that time, and concerning Pfeifer's test of Walton. And Tom Ezell apparently told Phil that he might call me...that he understood that I may have run Walton previously. And this sort of surprised Phil apparently, and he called me, and he asked me point blank...he said he talked to Tom Ezell, and he said,

"Did you run a polygraph examination on Travis Walton?" And I'm not about to lie, and I said, "Yes, I did," He said, "Could you tell me when?" And I said, "Last November, what was it -- the 15th, or some such thing like that." This was in, I believe, March of last year that I got this call. Subsequently, after Lorenzen came out and accused me of revealing the test and breaching the faith, as it were, I checked with Tom Ezell to find out how he heard that I may have run this guy, and he said that he heard it from Pfeifer, and the only way that Pfeifer could have known it was that it came from one of the APRO people. Lorenzen or somebody else, or the Waltons themselves. So, they're the ones who revealed the fact that the test was made and that he flunked it - not me. I really corroborated it when Phil asked me that question, and I don't think that's any breach of faith.

JS: Would it be possible to have your results in testing methodology reviewed by an outside board of polygraph operators, as not to question you, but to put APRO in an uncompromising position?

JM: Certainly. I wouldn't hesitate for a second to turn my charts and the questions over to any qualified polygraph expert.

JS: If APRO continues to make any type of slanderous remarks or defamation of your character publicly like this, will there be any action taken on your part?

JM: We have already discussed it with an attorney.

JS: So you feel that the reason for that statement for you to sign was so that it would not get out publicly that he did not pass the polygraph test.

That's right. See, the Enquirer had already come out and said that the boys up in Holbrook had passed an examination by a DPS examiner and that actually they saw him go up in a spacecraft. abducted in a spacecraft and hit by a blue light. Now I've talked to Mr. Gilson who ran that examination. Mr. Gilson was doing this for, on behest of the sheriff up there, and he wasn't interested in whether or not this guy had been abducted. They thought that he might have been done away with and a crime had been committed, and this was the gist of the examination on all those boys. Now, at the behest of the sheriff, Mr. Gilson threw in one question about did they actually see a spacecraft or did they think they saw a spacecraft. I forget now the exact terminology. Now, unfortunately, I think Mr. Gilson will agree with this and his boss over there, this is not good polygraph technique. You can't mix up issues. You've got to stick with one issue. He did not examine these people on the abduction - the spacecraft - he was examining them about the possibility of a crime, foul play in the woods and so-forth and so-on. That's why they mounted the search for his body and soforth. So it's unfortunate that he threw in one question, did they see a UFO?.. or whatever his terminology was. The National Enquirer, when they first came out with this in big headlines, indicated that he had passed the DPS, that all of the boys had passed the DPS examination and they saw him abducted. Big deal. which wasn't so. Now, when I came up with the adverse report, National Enquirer wanted that squashed apparently. This is why Jenkins, I think his name is, had me sign this thing. Because they didn't want us to get out and spoil their little ploy.

JS: APRO has also made a claim that your memory was somewhat faulty regarding the statements Travis made about the entire family, in other words. Dwayne, the mother, and himself regarding seeing UFOs previously.

Well, my memory wasn't faulty. He. in my pre-test interview with him, I asked him if he had been a UFO buff or a believer, whatever term I used, and he said oh, yes. He and his whole family, his brother, and his mother were also interested in them. And subsequent to all this flap, I believe it was Bill Spaulding..told me that he had interviewed people up there and that it was known to the populous all over that area that these people were "UFO nuts" and had been for years. Now, I notice in one of Lorenzen's reports that's all been pooh-poohed and they were just kidding people..they didn't really believe in it and so-forth and I might, if I may, throw in a little other issue here, reference Lorenzen, as long as he's being so critical. A month or two after my examination of Walton, my wife and I are sitting in our living room watching TV and inadvertently tuned in to this Arizona "Face the State" program, and we immediately became glued, because there was Lorenzen and Walton being interviewed by I think it was Jim Ryerson of KOOL in front of a field-stone fireplace effect, so I assumed it was up there in the mountain country, someplace around their home, or in their home. shortly after we tuned the program in, Ryerson asked Lorenzen how come Walton had never taken a polygraph examination to clear this thing up. And he said he'd been examined by doctors, essentially what he's been saying here. Psychiatrists said no, he shouldn't take an examination because he was in such an upset state of mind, therefore no examination was ever given--a bold out-and-out-lie. Now, I couldn't recall the exact date of that thing. I called the station and they didn't remember if they had a tape on it or not, but Bill Spaulding did get a tape of it for me and I have it at home. Most interesting. Bold-face lie by Lorenzen.

JS: Well, I don't have any further questions, unless you have anything else you'd like to interject.

JM: No, I don't think so. . Oberg questioning Lorenzen again: "What was wrong with the McCarthy tests?" And Lorenzen: "It was unbelievably incompetent. McCarthy broke some of the most elementary rules of polygraphic profession. Describing the test as meaningless, as we have done, is really too kind. It was badly botched by McCarthy. Sometimes long years of experience can serve to crystalize bad habits." Well, I don't know whether he's researched my experience or not, but I have been in the polygraph business here in Arizona longer than any other examiner in the state. I have been qualified as an expert witness in Maricopa County Superior Courts since 1960. I did the narcotics tests in the State vs. Valdez, which resulted in our Supreme Court ruling unanimously in May of 1961, I believe it was, which ruled expert polygraph testimony admissible in any criminal trial in the state of Arizona. have been retained by the Attorney General's Office of the State Dept. of Narcotics and Liquor Control, Highway Patrol, State Prison, County Attorneys Office of Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma Counties, A.S.U., by the Public Defender from Maricopa County and the Federal Public Defender. Also testified as an expert in United States District Court here in Arizona. And if my so-called "bad habits" have been crystalized over the years, apparently the courts don't think so. They still recognize me as a qualified expert witness.

JS: Very good, Thank you.

JM: John McCarthy JS: John Schaefer

BOOK REVIEWS

STALKING THE TROJAN HORSE

By W. Todd Zechel GSW- Director of Research

John Keel has written a book, "UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse," which seems to be gaining popularity among even the most skeptical UFO followers. The book is a hodgepodge witches' brew of metaphysical and psychic phenomena. Mr. Keel presides over this cauldron, stirring in more ingredients and adding more heat. However, like many a watched pot, this one fails to boil.

Mr. Keel does raise some legitimate questions. If nothing else, he has forced hardcore UFO buffs to reexamine their own beliefs. Keel introduces a relatively new theory (ultraterrestrial) which attempts to explain the origin of UFOs. Mr. Keel, like many of us, had examined the extraterrestrial hypothesis and found it wanting. It seems to me, though, that Mr. Keel has dismissed the extraterrestrial theory with merely a swirl of his magic pen (a practice he seems to habitually follow).

Mr. Keel's method of debunking the ET hypothesis is to point out that only a select number of UFO reports seem to indicate extraterrestrial origin. Therefore, he reasons, the ETH is incorrect. He then introduces his ultraterrestrial theory and manages to include a broad spectrum of metaphysical phenomena, a sort of blanket explanation. You name the phenomenon, Mr. Keel will gladly throw it into his ultraterrestrial pot. If you say you saw a leprechaun, or a gnome, or a vision of the Holy Mother, Keel won't question it or try to describe it as an illusion/delusion. No, Mr. Keel will say you saw a transmogrification of a super-natural entity. What Mr. Keel has done, in effect, is invent a cure that applies to every known disease. Medical science should be so lucky.

Finding fault with Mr. Keel's book is not a matter of nit-picking. Rather, it is more like wading into a pile of stinking garbage in order to find the item that gives off the most offensive odor. In many respects, he takes a Von Danikenesque approach to the subject by saying, "Could this be?" He leaves the impression that his assorted crazies are all respectable men. One could achieve the same effect by dipping into the files of lunatic asylums and publishing the ravings of madmen, without identifying them as such.

keel chastises the hard core UFO groups because they haven't satisfactorily explained all the reports which don't fit into the extraterrestrial criterion, (as though they had the responsibility to do so).

Mr. Keel will seem to have proved his case to many people, because his theory explains all the off-beat sightings, whereas the extraterrestrial hypothesis fails. It appears to me, however, that Mr. Keel's hypothesis is more convenient than it is accurate. He accepts the veracity of his theory only on the grounds that it is more inclusive, not because it is any more soluble. If you apply Keel's theory to the larger number of his own cases, the results don't make any more sense than the extraterrestrial theory. The "bottom line," as they say, still comes out as zero.

What Mr. Keel has attempted to do is devise a solution that would solve a very complex problem. His intentions were probably honorable.

We can give him an "A" for effort. I think the big mistake in all of this is that both theories, extraterrestrial and ultraterrestrial, are being misused. We are taking a hypothesis and using it as a formula to solve every sighting. If the formula doesn't work, we discard the hypothesis. The old "throwing out the baby with the bathwater" routine. (We don't discard the use of penicillin because it won't cure baldness). Why don't we, instead, discard the sighting? Mr. Keel attacks this practice, yet, in the long run he will find that he has to do the same thing with his hypothesis. He will be faced with a choice of discarding the hypothesis or dismissing the sighting. If he is consistent, he will discard the hypothesis and look for another catch-all hypothesis.

My contention is that all sightings cannot be put into one category. One hypothesis cannot explain all the complex aspects of the total phenomena known to mankind. Mr. Keel tries to prove that all phenomena are somehow interrelated, but he fails. This is not to say he hasn't made some valid points. He makes a meritorious attempt to prove that some UFOs are paraphysical, that some supernatural entity has the ability to transmogrify itself. However, even if this contention is correct, it doesn't rule out extraterrestrial origin, nor does it mean that every hallucination, delusion, illusion, or aspiration is a transmogrification of an ultraterrestrial or extraterrestrial entity.

In the final analysis, Keel has attempted a scatter gun approach to a very complex and perplexing problem. His shot missed the mark, but the beast was wounded. Perhaps, if some more accurate marksmen were to take a shot, the beast would fall. Keep in mind, though, that a wounded beast is always the most dangerous.

SITUATION RED. The UFO Siege

. By Leonard H. Stringfield

The UFO status quo, viewing straight on, is like looking at the tip of an iceberg. Beneath is a monster. Such is the "monster" of UFO evidence, but contrary to popular belief, much of this evidence is in the hands of competent research groups. If it were all put together cooperatively, and if certain confidential data, entrusted to a few, were allowed to surface, the real UFO story might change the world's life style. Of course, we can only guess as to the content of the hidden official data but if it is more dramatic than that held by researchers, then the UFO's true nature and intent is understandably locked in secrecy. But what are the real and raw UFO facts? To my knowledge no one has yet put it all together.

While there is little evidence to suggest that the intent of the UFO is hostile (a good reason for secrecy), there does exist an undercurrent fear among some researchers that certain UFO data (close encounters) reveal an aggressive behavior toward man and his properties. These acts are difficult to assess or patternize in light of the fact that the overall available data shows that most UFO incidents indicate evasive surveillance.

Other incidents are just too preposterous to rationalize by human standards. These, mixed with reported manifestations of psychic or paranormal phenomenon, often polarize the thinking of some